

CHAIRMAN WARNER TO THE PRESIDENT

Asks Time for Government Employees to Attend Encampment.

APPEAL FOR PUBLIC'S AID

Head of Citizens' Executive Committee Asks That Leave of Absence Be Granted Veterans in Uncle Sam's Embody Throughout the Country.

There seems to be every prospect that the members of the Grand Army who are in the employ of the United States Government, either in this city or throughout the country, will be permitted to attend the forthcoming encampment without the time so occupied being charged to them. Acting upon a resolution of the citizens' executive committee, Chairman Brainerd H. Warner this morning directed a letter to President Roosevelt, making a formal request for an executive order covering the matter.

It is understood by persons in a position to know that the President has already expressed a willingness to issue such an order if the request were made of him to do so. Mr. Warner's letter is as follows:

"To His Excellency the President: "Sir—The citizens' executive committee of the thirty-sixth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic passed a resolution at its last meeting directing me to request that you issue an executive order permitting members of the Grand Army of the Republic employed in the service of the United States in Washington, and throughout the country to attend this encampment which will be held in this city during the week commencing October 1 next whenever the interests of the public service will so permit, without loss of pay or without having the time so occupied deducted from their annual leave.

"This will in all probability be the last great gathering of the veterans of the civil war at the National Capital, and a large number of them are coming here for the purpose of meeting their comrades in reunion at camp fires in a social way. In fact, many of them will make sacrifices in order to be present.

"We sincerely trust you may see your way clear to comply with this request, which will be in the line of encouraging patriotism and devotion to the flag of our country.

"You will be gratified to know that on this occasion a large number of them also assemble here who were soldiers in the Confederate army, as well as several thousands of your comrades in the war with Spain.

Mr. Warner's Appeal.

In an appeal issued today by Mr. Warner he asks the support of the citizens in making the encampment an unqualified success. After reciting the inference that existed among some of the business men of the city regarding the holding of the encampment here Mr. Warner estimates that if there are but 200,000 visitors to the city they will spend at least \$2,000,000 during the encampment week. This estimate is based on an average of but \$10 a piece, which is considered extremely low.

It has been definitely determined to make use of searchlights in illuminating the dome of the Capitol during the encampment week. Following a visit of Chairman William S. Knox, of the committee on illumination, to headquarters this morning Secretary Barry Bulkeley directed a letter to a Baltimore firm with reference to furnishing eight or ten immense lamps of this character.

Plans for High School Boys.

Plans have been about completed for the employment of eighty High School boys who will be placed in charge of the information booths along the principal thoroughfares of the city during the encampment.

Chairman Michael has matured his plans for the use of the Naylor Building on Fifteenth Street as headquarters of the National Veterans. The building will be handsomely decorated and comfortably fitted out with reception rooms, parlors for the ladies, and a room for business meetings.

A letter was received this morning at the office of Chairman E. H. Bay, of the music committee, from Commander H. C. Loomis, of the Department of Kansas, G. O. A. R., in which a most determined protest is made against the exclusion of patriotic music from the programs of the hands to whose cadence the veterans will march in the parade. Mr. Loomis does not object to the presence of "rag-time," but insists upon patriotic music and plenty of it.

Music for Parade.

Upon this subject Chairman Brainerd H. Warner, of the citizens' executive committee, stated today:

"I had no idea there were so many people in the country interested in music, and who were so well posted as to the list of tunes as to at once draw a line as to what should be played. I think as long as there is a committee at the head of the Grand Army and executive committee, acting for the citizens, that they can be safely trusted to get up a musical program which will not be a reproach to patriotism or a reflection upon the good taste of all parties concerned."

At a meeting of the Maryland division of the Sons of Veterans, held last evening in the offices of the commander-in-chief, in the Columbian building, it was formally decided to hold the twenty-first annual encampment of that organization in this city beginning Tuesday, October 7, and continuing through Wednesday, October 9, and concluding on Thursday, October 10. The headquarters of the organization will be in the Ebbitt House, where the Ladies' Aid Society of the Sons of Veterans will also be located. On the morning of the opening of the encampment the members of the organization will form at the Ebbitt House and march to the Carroll Institute Hall, where they will be formally welcomed by Commissioner Macfarland. Some time during the week a reception will be tendered to Gen. Eli Torrance, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and to Gen. E. R. Campbell, commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans.

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CORPORAL TREASURES LETTER OF PRESIDENT

Unique Honor of Cavalryman Daniel L. Webster.

AIDED MR. ROOSEVELT'S BOY

Archie Wanted to Hear Father Speak at Arlington, But Was Stopped by Watchman—"My Papa is the President," He Said, and Got In.

Corporal Daniel L. Webster, Troop E, Second United States Cavalry, is the proud possessor of a letter from the President of the United States. He is probably the only enlisted man now in the service who has been honored with such a distinction and one of the few upon whom the Chief Executive of the nation has seen fit to bestow such favor since the Declaration of Independence.

It was on May 20 last that Corporal Webster performed the service which brought upon him the compliments of the President, and Private George G. Sagendorf is also thanked for his service by President Roosevelt. Behind the receipt of the letter by Corporal Webster lies an incident which brings to light only the more closely the fine personal characteristics of the President.

On May 20, which is universally celebrated as Memorial Day, elaborate ceremonies are conducted at the Arlington National Cemetery, where lie the bodies of so many of the nation's dead. At the services on the last Memorial Day President Roosevelt was the orator of the day and thousands were gathered about the amphitheater where the services were held.

During the afternoon little Archie Roosevelt, a lad of ten years or so, saw fit to ride over to the National Cemetery on his pony. He was accompanied by one of the messengers from the Executive Mansion who was mounted on a wheel, but the little fellow set such a hop that his companion was left behind on the hill leading to the National burying ground.

Watchman Barred the Way.

Young Roosevelt started through the gate of the cemetery at a fast clip, but the rein of his steed was grasped by a dark-skinned man from the Sunny South, who demanded to know by what authority he dared to enter the hallowed cemetery.

"I want to see my papa," the little fellow declared, but the reply was simply met with a rebuff from the negro watchman.

"My Papa is the President."

At this point Corporal Webster and Private Sagendorf interrupted and relieved the negro from further responsibility.

"Who is your papa," asked the corporal.

"My papa is President," was the quick response, "and he's speaking and I want to hear him," continued the youngster.

Webster immediately recognized the boy as one of the Presidential family, and communicated with Lieut. F. E. Lynch, who was the officer of the guard. The officer directed that young Roosevelt pass through the lines, and this was done without further formality. The bicycle messenger had arrived by this time and was an interested spectator of the closing proceedings. After Corporal Webster and Private Sagendorf had retired he asked their names, and this communication from the President was the result.

While the letter was received by the corporal two or three days after the occurrence, he made no mention of it, except to his comrades at the post. He had two certified copies of the letter made, one of which he turned over to Private Sagendorf, while the other was mailed to his mother, who lives in Williamsport, Pa. The original copy is kept secreted closely in Webster's locker, and he treasures it more than he does his life.

Without a Peer as an Athlete.

Corporal Webster has been in the army only twenty-one months, but is admitted to be the finest athlete among the soldier boys stationed at the fort, being not only first of foot, but one of the most daring riders at the post. He has beaten all competitors in the athletic events, and his peer at mounting, dismounting, vaulting and the like cannot be found among the troopers.

Private Sagendorf is a recruit from New York city, who was enlisted before the troop left Fort Ethan Allen for Washington, several months ago. He was on duty for the first time, when his conduct met with the approval of the President of the United States.

The letter is typewritten on official paper of the White House, and was forwarded to Corporal Webster through the War Department. It contains the personal signature of the President. The letter is as follows:

White House, May 31, 1902.

My Dear Sir—You are informed that it was you, together with Private George G. Sagendorf, who yesterday, at Arlington, met my little son, who had ridden out on his pony and was trying to get in the gate, but was prevented by the two guards (do not mind in accordance with their instructions) and that it was through your courtesy that word was brought which resulted in his being allowed to come in.

If you are the two troopers who showed this consideration and courtesy to the little fellow, I thank you both for it. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Corporal Daniel L. Webster, Troop E, Second Cavalry, U. S. A.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE PERSONALS AND GOSSIP

Where and How the Guardians of the Peace Are Resting.

Lieutenant Moore, of the Sixth precinct, is out of the city with his family on a vacation. During his absence Acting Lieutenant Elliott is in charge.

Policeman Buckingham, of the Second precinct, has gone to Maryland on a ten days' outing.

Policeman Boswell, of the Tenth precinct, has some south on ten days' vacation to visit relatives.

Policeman Haller, of the Second precinct, one of the veterans on the police force, has left the city to bring back his family, which has been summering at one of the nearby resorts in Maryland.

Bicycle Policeman Quail, of the First precinct, one of the youngest members of the police force, is on two days' leave to visit his parents in Baltimore.

Policeman Rollins, one of the heavyweights of the First precinct, is taking his vacation at Atlantic City.

Policeman McCort, of the Second precinct, and Mrs. McCort have returned from a trip to New York and Boston by sea. Mrs. McCort has been in ill-health and the trip has greatly improved her.

Policeman Frank Emmert, the Boy Brummel of the First precinct, who has been to Atlantic City, Lakewood, N. J., New York, and incidentally Coney Island, has returned to his post. Mr. Emmert is looking exceedingly well, and was the recipient yesterday of considerable attention at the hands of a number of friends of his, members of the New York police force.

Policeman James Taysman, one of the athletes of the department, and recognized as one of the cleverest bag punchers in the South, is at the seashore.

Lieutenant McCatharan, of the Fifth precinct, who has been on leave of absence for some time, is again on duty in excellent health. During the lieutenant's absence Sergeant Muirhead, one of the original members of the police force, has been acting lieutenant.

Patrolman James Taysman and Special Policeman Klopfer, of the First precinct, will leave Washington shortly for an extended trip through Mexico.

TRUST COMPANIES ENTER A PROTEST

Declare Personal Tax Tantalizing to Double Tax

District Commissioners to Take Matter Under Advisement and Promulgate Rulings on the Mooted Points.

Several of the trust companies, notably the Washington Loan and Trust Company, have written letters to the District Commissioners protesting against the assessment of the personal tax for the first half of the present calendar year under the new law. The contention is that to do so would be tantamount to double personal taxation.

The real point at issue lies in the fact that there is apparent conflict between the provisions of the District code and those of the new personal tax law on the subject.

The code provides that the banks and trust companies shall make returns to the Comptroller of the Treasury in the month of January each year of the amount of paid-up capital, of the gross earnings and expenses for the previous calendar year.

The code also provides that 1½ per cent on the gross earnings shall be paid to the Collector of Taxes as a personal tax.

Under the provisions of the appropriations act approved July 1 of the present year the same companies are called upon to make returns to the Board of Assistant Assessors of the gross earnings for the preceding fiscal year. On this return the personal tax for the present fiscal year is to be assessed at the rate of 6 per cent.

The contention of the trust companies is to the effect that they have already made returns to the Comptroller of the Treasury for the first half of the last fiscal year and have paid tax thereon. To make returns for the same period again, they maintain, would be to pay the double tax.

The officials of the District, though an official promulgation has not yet been made, take the view that while the return will be for the six months of last year, the present assessment is for the entire year and the return is for the entire year before the law became operative.

It is understood that the matter will be taken under advisement and rulings promulgated on the mooted points.

The Death Record.

The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon today:

Christina Herfurth, 72 years. Golden Driver, 70 years. Samuel B. Hargrave, 63 years. Elizabeth Harris, 57 years. Reginald Skinner, 52 years. Irene Hawkins, 48 years. John E. Mitchell, 40 years. John E. B. Callaghan, 39 years. Harry Jordan, 6 months. Raymond Whitley, 4 months. Julia E. Dice, 2 months.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Arthur C. Eno, Anacostia, and Lula R. Marr. John H. McDonald and Mary L. Strain, both of New York city. Eugene Faulkner and George Reed. David Fisher, Rochester, N. Y., and Bessie Rubenstein, District of Columbia. Joseph H. Harrison and Sammie Crown. Scall Lomax and Mattie Edwards.

Government Will Lose Nothing.

According to information given out at the office of the Auditor of the War Department, Uncle Sam will not lose a cent by errors in quartermasters' accounts at Manila. It is said that if reimbursement cannot be had from the lighter people the Government will fall back upon the quartermaster and his sureties.

The Shah to See King.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The Shah of Persia, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, left for Portsmouth this morning to see King Edward.

MORNING WEDDING AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Miss Soehngen Becomes the Bride of Dr. Kolipinski

DECORATIONS WERE PRETTY

Breakfast Served at the I Street Residence After the Services—Honeymoon Will be Spent in New York—List of Bridesmaids and Ushers.

Miss Ella Mercedes Soehngen and Dr. Louis Kolipinski were married at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The ceremony was followed by a nuptial mass, the Rev. Father Currier officiating at both services. The altar was elaborately decorated with palm foliage and white blossoms, and the pews reserved for the specially honored guests were marked with large bouquets of white and gilt. The organist played a number of selections during the half hour prior to the arrival of the wedding party, beginning with "The Angels' Serenade" and closing with the nuptial chorus from "Lohengrin," sung by the full choir, as the bride and her attendants entered the church.

The ushers, who led the train up the main aisle to the sanctuary, were Messrs. J. Groft, Lawrence J. Mills, Joseph Zegowitz and Dr. Carl J. Weiss. They were succeeded by the maid of honor, Miss Louise Garzler, who was gorgeously dainty in white mull and carried a bouquet of pink roses tied with wide pink ribbon. In deference to the rubrics of the church, which forbid a woman to enter its sacred portals with uncovered head, her blonde hair was dressed artistically with fronds of fern and pink roses. The bride, who is a handsome girl of the blonde type, was escorted by her father, Mr. Andrew Soehngen, until they joined the groom awaiting them in the sanctuary, with his best man, Dr. Emil Kohisowski.

The wedding gown was of white mouseline de soie, with the high bodice and skirt elaborately tucked and frilled with dainty ruffles of chiffon. A tulle veil fell in misty folds to the edge of the train, and the bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley was tied with love knots and streamers of white gauze.

St. Mary's was beautifully illuminated with electric lights that studded the gothic ceiling, and were wreathed in clusters about the sanctuary and stately columns that form the aisles of the church.

The ceremony was witnessed by a crowd that filled the edifice to the doors, the majority of whom remained through the mass.

A breakfast was served at the handsome residence of Dr. Kolipinski, on I Street. Later they left for New York.

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STEAMER OCEANIC GETS HOME IN GOOD TIME

Mr. J. P. Morgan and Bishop H. C. Potter Among the Passengers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The big White Star line steamer Oceanic, Captain Cameron, arrived this morning from Liverpool and Queenstown. Her time of passage was 6 days and 50 minutes over the long route of 2,891 miles. She brought 304 saloon, 279 second cabin and 765 steerage passengers.

The steam yacht Corsair, which came down to quarantine last night awaiting the Oceanic's arrival, went close alongside the steamer this morning to meet Mr. J. P. Morgan, its owner, who was a passenger on board the steamer.

Among the passengers were: R. W. Allison, J. Ogden Armour, Daniel Bacon, James Barber, Joseph Blackburn, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, C. A. Criscon, James K. Hackett, Vivian Harcourt, Eugene Kelly, Major H. Maitland Kersey, Arthur Lee, M. P. Riehl Rev. Henry C. Potter, Lispenard Stewart and P. A. B. Widener.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina registered today at the Ebbitt House.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ridgely left the city today for a short visit to Shadyside, Md. Mr. P. G. Terrell has gone to Atlantic City. He will not return for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Devine are spending the summer at Aspinwall, Lenox, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Richardson and daughters are spending the summer at Asbury Park.

Mrs. J. B. Austin is visiting her daughter Mrs. F. J. Hager, in Canada. Mrs. Austin resides at 1423 S Street northwest.

Mr. Joseph Torrens, of this city, was the successful competitor in the prize dancing contest at the pavilion at Colonial Beach Monday evening.

Mr. John F. McMillan, a well-known newspaper man of Muncie, Ind., is visiting his father, Captain McMillan, superintendent of the Treasury Department.

Mr. Martin G. Tucker is visiting the home of his parents in Harpers Ferry. He is convalescing from an illness which for a time threatened to develop into typhoid fever.

Messrs. A. F. Whitman, George Anderson and Ralph H. Jones have left the city to spend their vacation camping in the Adirondacks. They will remain away a month.

Mr. James Carroll Howard, of the Treasury Department, expects to be accompanied upon his return from California by his brother, Col. Willard Howard, who will remain in the city until after the G. A. R. encampment.

Miss Mary Blanche Stewart, docket clerk in the office of the Register of Wills, left today for a vacation of two weeks. Miss Stewart will visit both Gebury Park and New York before her return.

Gen. J. C. Breckinridge has given up his former residence, 1314 Connecticut Avenue northwest, where his family have resided since February 1889. His future residence has not been announced.

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SEAMAN BLOWN INTO SEA THROUGH PORTHOLE

Gun Exploded While Firing Royal Salute From Flagship Victory.

PORTSMOUTH, England, Aug. 20.—While a royal salute was being fired from the flagship Victory, at the King's arrival here to meet the Shah of Persia today, a gun exploded prematurely and blew one of the seamen of the Victory through a porthole into the sea.

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